

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

The Regular Meeting of Monday, May 12, 2014 was brought to order at 7:04 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli Ms. Criner
Mr. Boyd Mr. Costa Mr. Wells

(133-14) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of April 28, 2014 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Announcements:

Mrs. Bradley announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing a matter of litigation. Additionally, Mrs. Bradley stated that there were two changes to the Agenda for this evening. First, Mr. John Gleason will make a presentation following Ms. Bell's. The second change was an additional action item under New Business. Agenda Item #5 is to be added and reads: "Motion authorizing the Solicitor to prepare and file an appeal of Judge O'Reilly's ruling in the Sherman Arbitration Award."

Communications:

Ms. Denise Koch of Cargill submitted correspondence advising the Township that Cargill would not agree to a third option year on the existing SHACOG Salt Contract.

Mr. Stanley Gorsky of SHACOG sent an email advising that the SHACOG would begin specification and bid document preparation to place the contract for salt out to bid based upon Cargill's recent decision to not extend the existing agreement.

Presentations:

Ms. Alahna Bell, the Service Executive for the Boy Scouts of America Lackawanna District addressed the Board regarding Troop #47's request for the Township to charter them beginning in December 2014.

Mr. John Gleason of BSA Troop #90 and a resident of Braddsley Drive, spoke with the Board about his Eagle Scout project – a rain garden in Lions Park – that he plans to construct beginning in late September-October of 2014.

Citizens' Comments:

None.

REPORTS:

All Reports were read.

The Engineers Report is on file in the Manager's Office

Police Report for April 2014:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	230	265
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	20	33
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	6	9
Criminal Offenses Cleared	8	7
Traffic Citations Issued	14	13
Parking Tags Issued	4	5
Parking Citations Issued	0	0
Monies collected during March	\$ 7,677.58	\$ 6,420.08

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In addition to the monthly report, Chief Krancic reported the following:

4/1-Endangering the welfare of a child – Comfort Inn, 5 counts – Actor arrested & taken to ACJ. CYS took custody of the children. 4/5 – Burglary – J & K Plus; Small amount of cash, cigars & lighters. No leads at this time. 4/7 – Retail Theft & Warrant Arrest – Home Depot. Westmoreland County Sheriff’s Dept. took custody of actor. 4/8 – Intoxicated female (sleeping at bar) – Plaza Lounge. Arrested and taken to Monroeville PD to sober up. 4/10 – Harassment – Thompson Street. Actor arrested & charged. 4/24 – Simple Assault (Domestic) – Churchill Sq. Apts. Active warrant for actor’s arrest. 4/28 – Simple Assault (Domestic), possession of drug paraphernalia, and endangering the welfare of a child; Highland Manor Apts. Actor arrested & charged. 4/30 – Burglary – Staub’s Auto Center. Office equipment taken. Leads being pursued. 4/30 – Burglary on 11/17/13 Highland Manor. Juvenile charged.

Mr. Bruener’s PWD Report is on file in the Manager’s Office.

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following for April 2014: 13 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 64; 3 Practices, Man-Hours 100; 1 Misc., Man-Hours 5; Total Man-Hours 217.5.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for April 2014: 10 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 20.45; 3 Trainings, Man-Hours 15.16; 16 Activities, Man-Hours 575.91; Total Man-Hours 611.52.

WTVFD #4 reported the following for April 2014: 9 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 29.5; 1 Fire School, Man-Hours 10.5; 1 Drill, Man-Hours 1.5; 9 Work Details, Man-Hours 33.5; 1 Meetings, Man-Hours 9; Total Man-Hours 84.

Building Permits Issued for April 2014: #2831-VOID; #2836-3386 Wm. Penn, Comm. Alt. \$207.75; #2839-3428 Wm. Penn, Int. Alt. \$3,115.11; #2840-699 Rodi Rd., Hot Tub & Lift \$395.625; #2841-4064 Miller St., Deck \$79; #2842-257 Penhurst, Deck \$79; #2843-304 Frazier, Deck \$119; #2844-400 Penn Ctr Ste 602, Int. Alt. \$676.13; Site Plan \$525; #2845-965 Elizabeth, Deck \$79; #2846-Not yet Picked Up; #2847-Not Yet Picked Up.

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$11,938.71 in deed transfer tax in the month of April, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of March. The budget is currently at 48.9%.

Tax Collectors Report for April 2014:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$1,852,157.79
Assessments	\$0.00
Homesteads	\$0.00
Discounts	\$0.00
Total Collectable	\$1,852,157.79
Additions	\$0.00
Exonerations – Total Adjustments	\$-249.66
Net Adjustments	\$-249.66
Net Collectable	\$1,851,908.13
Face Collections	\$-1,582,321.37
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$269,586.76
Face amount of collections	\$1,582,321.37
Plus Penalties	\$0.00
Less Discounts	\$-31,646.64
Total Cash Collected	\$1,550,674.73
Refunds (exonerations)	\$34.61
Overpayment Refunds	\$1,314.35

Act 511 for April 2014:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>		Difference
Current Month	\$52,871.53	Previous Year \$41,274.80

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Current YTD	\$280,347.96	Previous YTD	\$257,965.91	\$22,382.05
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2014 Budget-\$700,000

Local Service Tax:

Difference

Current Month	\$711.40	Previous Year	\$3,654.77	
Current YTD	\$36,311.46	Previous YTD	\$36,710.07	(\$398.61)

2014 Budget-\$140,000

Mercantile Tax:

Difference

Current Month	\$19,924.86	Previous Year	\$18,337.40	
Current YTD	\$24,470.13	Previous YTD	\$30,757.48	(\$6,287.35)

2014 Budget - \$320,000

Business Privilege Tax:

Difference

Current Month	\$35,500.64	Previous Year	\$35,107.32	
Current YTD	\$64,888.09	Previous YTD	\$51,852.93	\$13,035.16

2014 Budget - \$235,000

The Solicitors Report is on file in the Manager's Office

(134-14) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$315,835.50. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT THREE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

(135-14) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to adopt Resolution #12-2014. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(136-14) MOVED COSTA-WELLS to authorize the Manager to prepare a Proclamation recognizing June 8th through 14th as Childhood Cancer Awareness week in Wilkins Township.

(137-14) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to authorize the Manager to submit an application to Duquesne Light Company for the conversion of Cobrahead Street Lights to LED lights (Pilot Program) with lights to be changed those on either Greensburg Pike, Larimer Avenue or Churchill Road.

(138-14) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize Mrs. Martinelli, Mr. Costa and any other Commissioner to attend the 28th Anniversary Reception of the Steel Valley Authority on May 14, 2014 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

(139-14) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept Mr. Bruener's request to attend the 2014 American Public Works Association Equipment Show & Seminar at Blueberry Hill on June 5, 2014 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM for \$20.00.

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(140-14) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and file an appeal of Judge O'Reilly's ruling in the Sherman Arbitration Award.

Motions 136-14 to 140-14 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mrs. Martinelli reminded the residents that the Memorial Day observation will take place at the Churchill Cemetery beginning at 10:30 AM on Monday May 26, 2014 and the Bike Helmet Safety Program will be held at the Community Center beginning at 11:00 AM on May 31st.

(141-14) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary